GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3801
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2015
Foodgrain Sale in Open Market
Kambhampati Dr. Hari Babu

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is selling or proposes to sell foodgrains in open market to check price rise; and
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total quantum of foodgrains sold in open market by Food Corporation of India during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a): Yes, Madam. The Government, under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS), sells foodgrains especially wheat and rice at pre-determined prices in the open market out of its surplus stock in central pool from time to time to enhance the supply of wheat especially during the lean season and thereby to moderate the market prices especially in the deficit regions.
(b): The details of sale of wheat and rice under OMSS (D) during the last 3 years and the current year are annexed at Annexure.
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ANNEXURE
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3801 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22-12-2015 IN THE LOK SABHA
Statement showing the sale of wheat and rice under OMSS (D) during the last 3 years and the current year are as under:

Wheat	
Year	Qty. (Lakh MT)
2012-13	68.67
2013-14	61.16
2014-15	42.37
2015-16	28.97*

Rice	
Year	Oty.(Lakh MT)
2012-13	0.99
2013-14	1.68
2014-15	Nil allocation
2015-16	0.49*

* Till 14th December, 2015
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